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From: Rosa Zhang <rosazhangyan@icloud.com>
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To: House Finance Committee
Subject: House testimony support letter from the Pines

To whom it may concern.

I'm writing to share my experience working with the RI SBDC and to recommend an increase in funding that could be used to assist small businesses.

My needs throughout the planning and financing of my restaurant have been many. Fortunately, the RI SBDC has been a reliable partner. The RI SBDC assembled a team to help me with preparing a business plan including writing a traditional and digital marketing plan, developing financing projections and menu development. The RI SBDC has been deeply involved with the general contractor bid process and subcontractors addressing interior design, septic systems, landscape design. Their guidance has been invaluable.

In closing, the RI SBDC is an irreplaceable resource and continues to add immense value to the small business owners such as myself and the greater community at large. I am tremendously grateful to the help of RI SBDC and urge that you consider increasing funding for this wonderful organization that has proven to benefit Rhode Island's economy.

I can be reached at 8572005443 to discuss any further question you may have regarding my support for RI SBDC.

Sincerely,